Woodbrook Road Dump

Summary of Issue

- Purpose of the briefing for OSRTI senior management is to discuss two items:
 - 1) the risk assessment tech memo addressing the issues raised by Peter Wright in his Nov 2020 memo (Peter Wright memo), and
 - 2) the recommendation Ex 5 Deliberative and attorney client
- The region anticipates issuing the final focused feasibility study in Sept 2022.

Risk Assessment Tech Memo

- The risk assessment tech memo re-analyzes the risk based on Peter Wright's comments,
 Ex 5 Deliberative
 - EPA has committed to the public to re-evaluate the remedy selected in the 2013 ROD. The risk assessment tech memo will be part of the record to support the re-evaluation.
- Ex 5 Deliberative

Compliance Averaging Tech Memo

Ex 5 Deliberative

Background

The Woodbrook Road Dump Superfund Site is located in South Plainfield, Middlesex County, New Jersey. The Site is comprised of two dumps that operated during the 1940s and 1950s, and accepted household and industrial wastes. It is located within wooded wetlands and is part of the Dismal Swamp Conservation Area. The State of New Jersey shut down the dumps in 1958, though aerial photograph analysis undertaken by EPA appears to show that disposal activity took place at the Site in the 1970s after TETCO's purchase of the two properties that comprise the Site. Partially buried, leaking capacitors were discovered in September 1999. After the capacitors were removed, an investigation found soils contaminated with high levels of PCBs, which are the contaminant of concern at the Site. The 2013 ROD (and 2018 ESD) outline the selected remedy: excavation and offsite disposal of soils containing PCBs > 1 ppm, limited wetlands restoration (restoration in areas disturbed by the remedy), and institutional controls to prevent future residential use of site. Consistent with state regulations, areas disturbed by the remedy are to be restored to wooded wetlands. The anticipated future land use is recreation and open space.